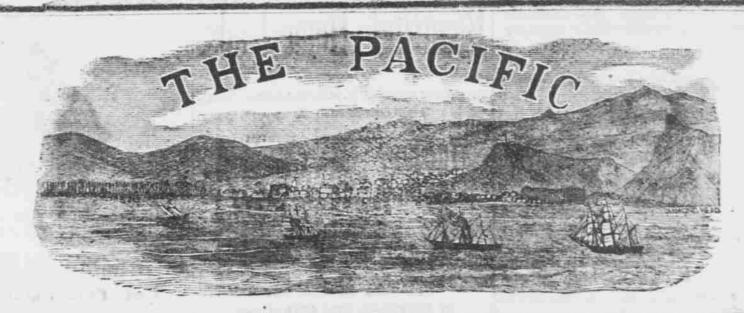
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Civil Officers.

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The French find that in the war with hina they have to contend with an army that is well officered, if deficient in every other respect. Civil and military officials are never wanting in the Celestial kingdom, and are more numerous than in any other country. In any province or town the stranger is surprised to meet every now and then a dignitary wearing a ball or globule on his hat. These balls are called spheres" properly, and are about an inch in diameter, They serve the same purpose as our "stars, buttons, and bars, in marking the rank of the officer wearing them, and may be seen in countless numbers at the seat of war to-day. We shall have to hear of the wearers of these spheres frequently before the war is concluded, and a statement of the order of official procedence will be instructive in aiding us to understand the war news. Collectively these men are known as "the two nine ranks," and in a generic sense as "our twenty-nine classes of the able

Everything is so differently constituted that it is quite impossible to translate the military titles so as to give a comparative idea of Chinese rank. This is made the more difficult from the fact that the military officials are generally held in contempt, and precedence in command is given in time of war to talented civilians. Indeed, the civil officials are of the first consideration, and are mentionable before

the officials of the army.

In the first class of the civil rank are the six shang shu, or presidents of the six great boards (the sin-tu), who wear a carbuncle sphere at court and a coral in ordinary dress. In the second class of the first civil rank are the tsung-tu, or governors general of the provinces. They are the direct re-presentatives of the emperor, with the power of life and death in their hands. They are commonly members of the war

In the first class of the second civil rank are the fu-t'ai, or vice governors, standing lieutenants to the tsung-tu. They also reside at the capitals of the provinces, and may be called into the war board. They wear a red sphere. The second class of the second rank are the fan-tail, the provincial secretaries of finance. They wear

In the first class of the third civil rank are the nich tai, provincial judges. They wear a light blue sphere. The second class of the third rank are the len-luu-ssu, or provincial sub commissioners. They

wear a dark blue sphere. In the first class of the fourth civil rank are the liang-tai, provincial grain (tax) collectors, wearing an opaque blue sphere. The officer of the same rank and class is the tao-tai, of whom we often hear. He is district lord of three towns, and wears a dark opaque sphere. The second class of the fourth rank are the fu, department The chih-si-chin-chire are the first class of the fifth rank, and correspondend to sub-prefects. They wear a clear-glass sphere. Their officer is the chih-si tungchih, who wears a like sphere. The tung-chi is the second class of the fifth rank, and the chih chou is the third class. These are district judges, and wear a

small crystal sphere, The sixth rank are the tung-pan, deputy sub-prefects of department, wearing a porcelain sphere. The seventh rank are the chih-hsien, magistrates, with gilt sphere. The eighth rank are the hsiencheng assistant to the chig-hsien. They wear a carved gilt sphere. The first class of the ninth rank are the chu-pu, village mayors. They wear a small gilt sphere, as also do their assistants, hsien-chien, who comprise the second class of the ninth

Thus in the nine ranks are presidents, governors, vice governors, financial secre-taries, provincial judges, sub-commissioners, collectors, department prefects, and sub-prefects, deputies, district judges, magistrates, and assistant magistrates, and mayors and vice mayors.

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